

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: INABA, Niro et al. Conf.:  
Appl. No.: New Group:  
Filed: March 5, 2002 Examiner:  
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 5, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said desired protein is a glycosyltransferase.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of cleaving the recovered fusion protein to

separate said desired protein from said virus particle; and recovering the separated desired protein.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said protein having a plurality of membrane-spanning segments is a protein having an odd number of membrane-spanning segments, and said desired protein does not have a membrane-spanning segment.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, further comprising the steps of cleaving the recovered fusion protein to separate said desired protein from said protein having a plurality of membrane-spanning segments, thereby detaching said desired protein from said virus particle; and recovering the separated desired protein.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

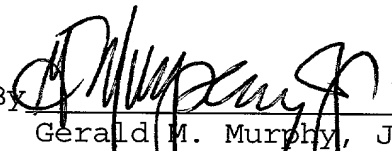
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. #28,977) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein said desired protein is a glycosyltransferase.

8. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, further comprising the steps of cleaving the recovered fusion protein to separate said desired protein from said virus particle; and recovering the separated desired protein.

13. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 9 to 12] claim 9, wherein said protein having a plurality of membrane-spanning segments is a protein having an odd number of membrane-spanning segments, and said desired protein does not have a membrane-spanning segment.

15. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 9 to 14] claim 9, further comprising the steps of cleaving the recovered fusion protein to separate said desired protein from said protein having a plurality of membrane-spanning segments, thereby detaching

said desired protein from said virus particle; and recovering the separated desired protein.

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